## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## **INFORMATION REPORT**

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1. <sub>-</sub> T	he CO of the 5th PS (Border Gua	rd) Brigade at Cheb is Capt. Karel Peprny,	
		commander and political officer is 1st Lt.	25
	he 5th PS Brigade has the follo	wing battalions:	
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b	The 1st Battalion at Hranice The 2nd Battalion at As. The 3rd and 4th Battalions,	•	
0	r wounds; serious cases are sen	at As. It is used only for minor illnessed t to a civilian hospital in As. All nurses ary was Dr. Juren (fāu), but he left the Arm	
0	n 23 October 1952.	,	0
ų, T a	ad political officer is Lt. Home	s is Lt. Eichler (fnu). The deputy commandoolak (fnu) anies of the 2nd Battalion are located at	er 25
		Polna. There is also a company known as	
5. I	ne People's Democratic nations, I the 2nd Battalion at Novy Zdan		
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- 7. The erection of barbed wire entaglements and other obstacles in the As Cheb area was begun in January 1952. Live electric wire was strung between the barbed wire in March 1952. The laying of mimefields began in April 1952. The mines are mostly of a type which explodes when the tripwire is subjected to a pull of as much as three kg. They are mostly of a new Czechoslovak type, in the shape of an artillery shell and with a lethal range of 150 meters. The men in the units were forbidden to go closer to the minefields than 200 meters and each one had to sign a declaration that he knew he was forbidden to approach the mined area. Nevertheless, when a hare or deer detonated a mine the PS men were ordered by the Company CO to bring out the animal.
- 8. The PS is to be reinforced with units of tanks, artillery, anti-tank weapons and anti-aircraft artillery.
- 9. Cavalry training started with all PS companies in August 1952. At the beginning of that month two men from the 10th Company were sent to riding school at As and later at Cheb.
- 10. The number of Slovaks in PS units is constantly decreasing. In the last bath of PS recruits the number of Slovaks was one-half that of last year.

  this is the deliberate policy of the Ministry of National Defense.
- ll. Goethestein is an isolated house which was formerly used as an inn and is located between Hazlov (M51/P17) and Novy Zdar. A small tower, about three m. high, was erected above the inn and is ased as an observation post. No radar or other equipment or instruments were observed in this area.

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